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The kindest and the happiest pair
Will find occasion to forbear.
And something, every day they live,
To pity, and perhaps forgive.

—Cowper.

THE U. S. ATTORNEYSHIP

James L. Coke is a pretty good guess just now for the position of U. S. district attorney to succeed Robert W. Breckons. Mr. Coke has been given the indorsement of about all the Democratic party's indorsing bodies, including the territorial central committee, the county committee and the national committeeman, John H. Wilson having indicated that he will support the ex-Mani man. Moreover, Mr. Coke will be found with plenty of "friends at court" in the shape of strong affiliations either with Washington men or with men who have influence with Washington men, this latter factor being an important one when there is talk of an appointment.

There is little weight to the objections raised in some quarters that Mr. Coke has been elected senator and should serve his full four-year term. Certainly he should serve through the 1913 legislature, as he fully intends to do, but the electorate would hardly require him to refuse an office of the importance and standing of the U. S. district attorneyship in order to hold down a senatorial desk for two months in 1915. On the mainland legislators resign to become governors, governors to become United States senators, senators to run for president, or would resign should they be elected to office. The Democratic central committee thrashed out this matter thoroughly a few nights ago and decided that all that could be in fairness asked of Mr. Coke is to serve through the 1913 legislature. And Mr. Coke, having been elected to the legislature on the Democratic ticket and receiving the indorsement of Democratic leaders for the federal position, may well feel justified in his belief that under the circumstances he is doing his duty by serving through the 1913 term. It is unlikely that any appointment will be made for the office until after the legislature adjourns, as Mr. Breckons will probably resign when the Republican national administration leaves office, the resignation to take effect when his successor is appointed and qualifies.

WHAT THE SUGAR TARIFF STIMULUS HAS DONE

A remarkable analysis of sugar production in the United States and a forecast of a future in which the United States will be clear of the world prices as fixed at Hamburg, is made in the latest issue of Willett & Gray's Sugar Trade Journal. The points are stated with admirable brevity and clearness as follows:

"Counting for the use of the U. S. this 350,000 tons excess, together with 20,000 tons increase in Porto Rico and 84,000 tons increase in domestic beets, we have in sight 454,000 tons excess. Deducting 31,000 tons decrease in Hawaii and 156,000 tons decrease in Louisiana, together 187,000 tons, we still have in sight 267,000 tons increase in U. S. supplies from these crops, more than sufficient to offset our requirements for full duty sugar, even with an increased consumption of five per cent, or 175,000 tons.

"The 350,000 tons excess for the United States is estimated after allowing for the 126,072 tons of the last Cuba crop which went to Europe and Canada, on the presumption that foreign countries will take a like quantity this campaign.

"The 350,000 tons excess will be increased or diminished by the amount less or more than 126,072 tons which may be diverted to other countries.

"It begins to look as if the United States has reached the amount of free and partially free duty sugar production that will make us entirely clear of world prices as fixed at Hamburg and that competition among these several favored interests will keep prices to consumers below world's prices the year round, independent of tariff reduction.

"This consummation has been the period aimed for during many years, and is brought about by reason of the present protective tariff on sugar which has stimulated these productions to this important extent."

BRYCE IN PRAISE OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION

Ambassador Bryce, who, it will be remembered, said that "the government of cities is the one conspicuous failure in the United States," has recently paid a remarkable tribute to the

American constitution that deserves to be remembered. The British ambassador apparently has no patience with those critics, both at home and abroad, who like to refer to the constitution as an unwieldy instrument and one that the United States has outgrown. From the speech made by the ambassador before the Pennsylvania Society of New York the following paragraphs are culled:

The constitution was the work of an extraordinary group of men, such as has seldom been seen living at the same time in any country and such as had never been brought together in any other country to undertake the immensely difficult task of framing a fundamental instrument of government for a nation. The nation was then a small one, and it is one of the most striking tributes to the genius and foresight of the men who designed that form of government for three millions of people that it should have proved fitting to serve the needs of 93,000,000.

It taught you to recognize that a free government must be founded upon a sense of right, upon the respect of every man and community for the rights of every other man and community, to the exclusion of all violence.

It impressed upon every person the sense that the will of the whole people, duly ascertained, and acting through the prescribed forms, must prevail.

The doctrine of popular sovereignty is a fine and wholesome principle when it is exercised in the duly prescribed and duly observed forms, just as that doctrine may be the source of turmoil and injury to a people which rush heedlessly to carry out its arbitrary will, at the impulse of sudden passion.

In particular, you have shown the world how it is possible to reconcile national unity with the existence of local self-government in larger and smaller communities, over the immense spaces of a continent, a problem which, a century and a half ago, everyone would have thought insoluble.

Thus has the constitution of the United States become, by the example of its workings, and the halo of fame which surrounds it, one of the vitalizing forces of the world. Let us honor the memory of the illustrious men who rendered this incomparable and enduring service not only to you but to all mankind.

STOPPING ONE LEAK

The newly-elected supervisors deserve the thanks of the community for their decision to knock out the "Municipal Record", the flimsy excuse for money-pending that the present board inaugurated a few weeks ago.

The Municipal Record has, like a famous animal strongly called to mind in this connection, neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity. It was created for political purposes and to help at least one supervisor pay off a grudge against newspapers of Honolulu which had criticized his actions. The Municipal Record has never served any real purpose; it has cost the city something like \$150 a month; and a continuance of its existence by the new board would be bilking the taxpayers in a manner that taxpayers elect are doing just what is needed to this leak in the city treasury—stopping it. Nobody will miss the Municipal Record. It dies unwept, unhonored and unsung.

Daniel J. Keefe, the commissioner-general of immigration who came here two years ago and drafted a report on labor conditions which was considered worthy only of the pigeon-hole by his superior, the secretary of commerce and labor, Mr. Nagel, is to be separated from his job, according to a report emanating from Washington. Keefe's successor, F. H. Larned, now assistant commissioner, has been already chosen by the president, it is said. The famous Keefe report which never saw official light, but of which extracts got about unofficially, was sharply critical of Hawaiian conditions. Keefe was here only a few weeks, and the report was quite evidently based very much on hearsay.

The following dispatch from London is of interest in view of agitation here to establish a whipping-post:

London, England, Dec. 14.—The royal assent was given yesterday to a bill just passed by parliament instituting flogging as the penalty in case of conviction for "white slave" traffic. The Scotland yard authorities are organizing a special staff of plain-clothes officers, who will enforce the act. During recent days there has been a considerable exodus of men engaged in this business to the continent, especially to Paris.

It is interesting to note that the new parcels post will not take liquor through the mails. In the orders of the department, liquor is put with poisons, poisonous animals, explosives, disease germs and obscene and defamatory matter. Rather an interesting classification, isn't it?

One of the best suggestions made during the two years the present supervisors have been in office is that the reading of the minutes should be done by committee and the work of the whole board be not delayed.

With President Taft at Panama, we shall confidently expect another slide in the Culebra cut.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

AUTOS AND SAFETY

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—We hear a great deal about the recklessness of the automobile drivers and undoubtedly there are some such men, but if chauffeurs did not take greater care than the general public there would be accidents almost every day of the year.

For the majority of people seem to act as if there were no such things as automobiles, and they will stand on the streets or walk across the streets regardless of automobiles or anything else. And it's true that some of the chauffeurs seem just as regardless of the public and between the two it's a wonder that there are not more accidents than there are. The greatest danger, however, occurs when the people are getting in or out of the street-cars, and it is often only the presence of mind of the drivers that accidents are avoided.

Only the other day I saw some people step out into the street almost in front of an automobile, and had not the driver stopped it almost instantly there would have been a bad accident. It is just wonderful to see the per-

fect control that these men have over their machines, and it must be a very tight place indeed that they cannot escape from if they try.

There are a few things that might be done to safeguard the public. One would be to pass an ordinance to compel drivers to blow their horns as they turn corners or just before they turn them, and where they are to cross the street or are coming out of private grounds. Another one would be to compel them to turn the corners on the right side of the street. It might be supposed that everyone who drives a vehicle of any kind would know which side of the street he should keep or drive upon, but such does not seem to be the case, and in consequence there is often danger of accidents from this cause alone.

In regard to speed, the 15-mile limit is considered by most people as entirely too fast a speed for the center of the city, and cannot be run safely or without great risk to the public. The streets between Bishop and Nuuanu both on King and Hotel are the most populous and it's there that the greatest precaution should be taken.

Yours very truly,
GEO. OSBORNE.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

E. I. SPALDING—It is generally expected that there will be an enormous increase of commerce for Honolulu from the opening of the Panama canal. The great question is how it is going to be handled. We will have to get busy if shipping accommodation and cargo-handling facilities are to be provided in time.

JUDGE WILDER—From information I have received it is highly improbable that Governor Frear will be confirmed by the senate. His nomination will be held up in committee. The ruling sentiment is that, as President Taft dilly-dallied so long over his reappointment it will not do any harm to hold the governorship over a while longer. My informant is a Republican, too.

DATE SET FOR TURNING OVER NAVAL STATION

The date for the formal turning over of command of the Honolulu naval station has been set for February 21, and on that day Rear Admiral Walter C. Cowles will step out and Rear Admiral C. B. T. Moore will step into office. In the service there is always some appropriate ceremony attendant on a change of command afloat, and in the instance of the coming transfer the lawn in front of the commandant's office will become the deck of a battleship for ceremonial purposes.

Admiral Moore arrives from the Orient on the Korea, February 20. Admiral Cowles sails for the Coast on the same ship the following day. There will be little time, then, for the outgoing commandant to explain the numerous details of the navy's vast Pearl Harbor enterprises to his successor, and most of the information will be contained in carefully compiled memoranda.

Transfers of commands in the navy are usually made at 10 a. m., or at noon, but in this instance the ceremony will probably take place at 8:30 a. m., owing to the probable sailing hour of the Korea. Admiral Cowles will stand on his "quarterdeck" attended by the officers of the station, and Admiral Moore will "come aboard" with the honors due his rank, accented by the full marine guard and band. There will be no side boys to pipe him, however. Then Admiral Cowles will read the order detaching him from command of the station, and his two-starred blue flag will be hoisted down and saluted by thirteen guns. Admiral Moore will then read the orders assigning him to the command, and his flag will go fluttering up the staff, to the accompaniment of a similar salute.

Aboard ship it is the custom for officers to show honor to an outgoing chief by rowing him ashore in his barge, and while the officers of the Honolulu naval station would like to compliment Admiral Cowles in this manner, the scarcity of water prevents. The only alternative would be to pull him to the dock in a go-cart, and for obvious reasons this suggestion is not favorably considered.

Admiral Cowles is to take command.

PERSONALITIES

SECRETARY WOOD, of the Promotion Committee, left Wednesday morning for Hawaii on a short business trip.

MISS RAE BEACH, of Denver, who has been visiting for the past six months in the islands, left for San Francisco Tuesday on the Lurline, is the only woman among the three cabin passengers. "I have toured Europe, and had many other experiences," she said, as the boat left the wharf, "but Christmas on the Pacific without a chaperone is certainly my most novel one."

COTTRILL LIKED

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and they would be averse to seeing a change in the office. If the Democrats have any partisan feeling against Cottrill it has not yet been shown. During the past campaign he took no part in the local fights, contenting himself with eloquent spell-binding on behalf of Republicanism in general. The Democrats do not class his efforts as the kind of political activity that is pernicious—when the other fellow is doing it—and hence it is that no move is being made, it was declared today, to get a Democratic successor for Cottrill.

Some other federal office-holders may not be disturbed. It was political gossip today that Marshal Hendry is likely to stay and that Collector of Customs Stackable may also be among the favored. On the other hand, the postmastership is a job in the chase of which the Democratic party is being carried on enthusiastically. F. E. Colby, of the First National Bank, was a name given this morning as the prospective postmaster. Colby is a veteran Democrat of New York and has had postal experience in the past.

Harry D. Corbett, of Hilo, is an applicant for the postmastership of that town, according to information today, and stands an excellent chance of securing the indorsement of the territorial central committee. The Lihue postmastership will soon fall vacant, and a Kauai Democrat will be indorsed for the job.

With James L. Coke indorsed by the territorial central committee on Monday night for U. S. district attorney, the Democratic campaign to land federal jobs is well along. However, prominent party members say that a number of Republicans will not be molested even if here and there, there is discontent among a few Bourbons who think the results of the election entitle the party to a larger share of the plums than it is getting.

It was learned today that there is a movement on foot to get Attorney E. M. Watson to allow his name to be used as a possibility for the territorial supreme bench. Justice Perry's term expires next May and leading Democrats are talking of inaugurating a campaign for Watson for the place. Watson has hitherto been considered for the governorship only.

An interesting bit of political gossip this morning is that the supervisors-elect have abandoned any idea they may have had of putting W. W. Harris in as chief clerk of the mere department. It is said that the mere publication of the story that Harris was being considered was enough to

of the Pacific Fleet at San Francisco March 1, according to advices recently received by him.

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put him out of the running. R. W. Catcart is now mentioned as a likely choice for the job, which will be an important one under the proposed plan of reorganization for the road department.

THE DIFFICULT PHOTO-PLAY.

Hundreds upon hundreds of writers even magazine writers eria emf whr write to the moving picture companies every day asking for information about writing plays and expressing a desire to "get into this new field of writing." There's only one conscientious answer to be made to the aspirant

for scenario honors. That is, that unless he is fairly bursting with new and wholly original ideas, unless he has studied the field thoroughly, unless he is acquainted with practically all the plays that have been produced, unless he has made a study of the technique of photoplay writing, unless he knows what has been done and what the companies want—he should keep away. The are less than thirty successful scenario writers in the United States. These write the majority of the three thousand or more plays produced in a year. "Entertaining Sixteen Million Daily," Gilson Willets in National Magazine for October.

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We have property for sale in this district as follows:
House and two lots, Palolo Hill \$3500.00
House and two lots, Wilhelmina Rise \$2500.00
House and lot, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2600.00
House and lot, Sixth Ave., Kaimuki \$2700.00
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